[30th October 1958

MR. SPEAKER : The next three questions, viz., Question Nos. 725, 726 and 727 relate to Transport and so they may be taken up together.

*Transport Department Employees*

* 725 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswami Pillai) : Will the Hon. Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter of the integration of services of the Transport Department;

(*b*) the number of pensionable employees and the number of non-pensionable employes in the Department at present; and

(*c*) whether bonus is being paid to the non-pensionable employees and if so, at what rate?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Final proposals are awaited from the Honorary Director, Madras State Transport.

(*b*) The particulars are as follows :—

| | Pensionable. | Non-pensionable. |
|---|---|---|
| Madras Branch .. .. | 601 | 3,276 |
| Kanyakumari Branch .. | 389 | 127 |

(*c*) No, Sir.

* 726 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and instances of promotions overlooking the seniority in service in the Transport Department given during each of the last three years; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) The particulars are as follows :—

| | Madras Branch. | Kanyakumari Branch. |
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| 1956 .. .. .. | 15 | .. |
| 1957 .. .. .. | 45 | 1 |
| 1958 .. .. .. | 1 | .. |

(*b*) Promotions overlooking seniority were based on merit and ability.